



US Army Corps of Engineers®

New York District

Former Fort Michie, Great Gull Island, N.Y.

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION:

The former Fort Michie is located on Great Gull Island, in Long Island Sound, Suffolk County, New York-01. In 1896, the Treasury Department transferred Great Gull Island (approximately 17 acres) to the Department of the Army. Fort Michie was part of the Harbor Defense System of Long Island Sound. The installation consisted of six batteries, three control buildings, a wood tracker tower, two 16,000 gallon fuel tanks, a 100 foot steel tower, a 6,400 gallon water tank and supporting utilities (water, sewer and electricity). Fort Michie was declared excess in 1949 and was transferred to the War Assets Administration (WAA). Between in 1949 and 1954 the General Services Administration (GSA) (formerly WAA) conveyed the property to the American Museum of Natural History. The Fort Michie site is currently utilized as a bird sanctuary and research facility for the declining tern population.

AUTHORIZATION:

The former Fort Michie will be investigated under the Defense Environmental Restoration - Formerly Used Defense Site Program. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 authorized that program. The area of concern (AOC) which will be examined include a range complex consisting of six batteries.

STATUS:

This year, a site inspection is planned to determine whether munitions constituents and/or munitions and explosives of concern remain at the site. The site inspection will be conducted in accordance with the protocol of the Military Munitions Response Program.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Costs (MMRP Site Inspection):	\$	224,000
Estimated Non- Federal Costs:	\$	<u>0</u>
Total	\$	224,000

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